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**Subject:** WA petition blurb

Hi Christina,

Please use the text below for the comms blurb from Mike S. to Pruitt:

Northwest Environmental Advocates Petition Response: Next week, I anticipate signing a response to an October 28, 2013 petition for rulemaking from the Northwest Environmental Advocates (NWEA). The petition requests that EPA use its federal rulemaking authority under Clean Water Act (CWA) section 303(c)(4)(B) to update water quality criteria for toxics to protect human health and aquatic life in Washington. Specifically, the request is that EPA promulgate human health criteria for arsenic, thallium and dioxin as well as update Washington's aquatic life criteria as necessary to meet requirements of CWA section 303(c)(2)(B). Considering Washington's significant progress in developing and adopting revised human health criteria and anticipated updates to the state's aquatic life criteria in the future, we plan to deny the petition. NWEA filed a suit against the EPA on February 21, 2017, alleging that the Agency unreasonably delayed responding to its petition. The EPA is required to file an administrative record by June 27<sup>th</sup>, unless a response to this petition is issued by that date.